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Williams 70; Hamilton 16.

Williams defeated Hamilton in a well played game of basket-ball last night in the gymnasium at Williamstown. For the first few minutes of play the work of both teams was fairly equal, and during the first half the visitors held Williams's score down well, but in the second half the superior training and team work of the home team was shown by the large score they made. Toward the close of the game Captain McLaughlin, of the Hamilton team, collided with the parallel bars, receiving a severe cut over the right eye, but pluckily continued the game after having his wound bandaged. His work throughout the game was excellent, four out of the five goals made by Hamilton being scored by him. Although both teams worked hard, the game was remarkably clean and free from rough play. For Williams, Captain Vose played a superb game, throwing 12 goals from the field, some of them difficult. Hosmer also played a star game, having five goals to his credit The whole team played in excellent form and by their good team work made the high score possible. The large crowd that attended showed great interest in the game. The line-up:

Williams (70).		Hamilton (16).
	Left Forward.	
McMullen.		Swab.
	Right Forward.	
Vose, (Capt.)		McLaughlin, (Capt.)
Hosmer.	Center.	Sherman.
Hager.	Left Guard.	Mangan.
Dunn.	Right Guard.	Bush.

Score, Williams 70; Hamilton 16. Goals from field, Vose 12, McMullan 4, Hosmer 5, Hager 2, McLaughlin 4, Swab. Goals from fouls, Vose, McLaughlin. Referee, John Vose. Umpires, Mossman, of Williams, and Lewis, of Hamilton.—*Springfield Republican.*

—Dr. Terrett spoke in Ilion Tuesday evening.

The Trip.

On last Wednesday morning the Basket-ball team took the 7:50 a. m. train for Williamstown. Arrived in Utica, we proceeded to the Central depot and learned that our train was 3 hours and 20 minutes late. Manager Lewis would not let a little thing like that discourage his team for one minute, so he transferred them to the Lewis House for dinner. While partaking of this repast we saw the Glee and Mandolin clubs go straggling past on their way home from St. Johnsville. When finally the train did come, no time was lost in getting aboard. Williamstown was reached without other incident, except that "Tommy" almost succeeded in getting a mascot at Hoosick Falls.

Hamilton appeared first upon the floor, and was cheered. Williams soon followed, and the game began. But it soon became evident that Hamilton had other things beside the skill of the opposing team to contend with. The gymnasium was dimly lighted, and poorly equipped for basket-ball. However, even against these odds, the score at the end of the first half was 19 and 7, in Williams's favor.

In the second half, both teams started in with even fiercer work than before, but after a few minutes' play "Tommy," in going for the ball out of bounds, ran into a parallel bar and received a bad cut just above the eyes. After a moment's delay "Tommy" was back in the game again, and it was at this time that he threw the most phenomenal basket ever thrown on the Williams's floor. Seizing the ball from his opponent he took a try from the centre of the field and lodged the ball in the basket. "Tommy" played the star game for Hamilton, and Vose excelled for Williams. One can not justly judge the game by the score. Williams has a strong team, and Hamilton felt the loss of Peet. All praise is due Williams for their sportsmanlike conduct during the game, and also for their generous treatment before and after the game.

Ubi Terrarum Sumus.

Winter term has been made a winter in more than weather respects. We are absolutely snowed under by the avalanches of demands and requisitions made upon us. The faculty seems to think that the progress and advance made along lines of work collateral to the curriculum must be offset and outdone by their increased demands. Each member apparently considers himself obliged to sprint in the competition of exactions. One department is, as a rule, in the lead, and the rest ply the pursuit with few cessations.

During winter terms, and especially the current one, the attention of men aggressive in the initiation of enterprises and ventures along the lines of college spirit and energy is demanded. Without these departments our college lapses in the race for prestige. It is with the knowledge of the activity of such schemes in other colleges that our efforts here are devoted to their outdoing and betterment. But this maintenance of the general enthusiasm requires enormous sacrifices on the part of those in charge. When it is considered that in so small a college the helms of perhaps many, if not all, these ventures must be held and guided by a limited number of men it impresses on a sane and reasoning mind the fact that some stress and tension is exerted on the endurance of these same men. It can not be quibbled that these ventures are other than for Hamilton College and its preferment; for the encouragement of concerted endeavor and cemented interests.

Why, then, can not those who observe this with half an eye, consider it. Why is it that the burden of our obligations grows with such lack of discrimination? The regular lecture and text-book courses do not seem to suffice in the minds of our ambitious tutors. Theses and theses, reports and dissertations are thrown in haphazard. On the week of the inter-class debate, several of such

requirements are due. There is no system, no accommodation, in the whole regime. It's now as though each department considered itself in undisputed primacy and takes, as a consequence, without regard for other duties and irrespective of convenience, an arbitrary precedence. There is such a thing as the final feather, and surely there's such a thing as the last endurable millstone. If it does not break the intellectual back as our treatment of the demand will not permit, we must prescribe for our release the dismissal of submission. We've got to have less outside work and more time to indulge in other business. No wonder that orations do not follow dictated and prescribed references. No wonder that there is general depression and deficiency on the part of some men who have no time to attend to these heaped obligations. With musical clubs, debates, athletics, exhibitions and social duties, we have some few responsibilities to discharge. "Ring off" is our war cry, and the pæon is one from a pipe that has the backing of stout and formidable forces.

Proceeds of the Prom.

There has been no little speculation as to the intended disposition of the proceeds from the Prom. Acting on precedent, the committee has seen fit to set the price of the tickets at $4.00 per. This proceeding involves the observation of the other phase of the precedent, namely, the utilization of the surplus receipts. The college, of course, understands that this price is charged in order to defray unquestionably the expenses contingent to the reception, with the reservation that all excess be devoted to the support of general or departmental athletics. It would make no difference, save on grounds of immediate expediency, to what department or branch of athletics this sum be presented. As it is now the receipts will inevitably cover all expenses to be met and will furnish forth a small or perhaps considerable emolument. It will be with the confidence that this profit will be given to the advantage of athletics, that the college will sanction tqe exaction. Every one feels this and we consider the committee to have taken a preliminary cognizance of the sentiment. The precedent is only valid as a whole and carried to the complete import of it. We shall all feel that we are making a twofold contribution: one donation to the success of the dance, and the other a present, in the nature of voluntary subscriptions, to the athletic deficits or demands.

About Books.

In his "Battle of the Books" Swift gives a very interesting account of a contest between ancient and modern books. A glance into the library just at present brings this story to mind. One can imagine the hot engagement ensuing upon the arrival of each consignment of new books. The Ancients fight every foot of ground, but nevertheless steadily retired before the heavy onslaughts of the Moderns. That there has been a severe battle, and that the Moderns have found it necessary to call upon all the available reserves is evident from the present appearance of the camping ground. The Ancients have retreated to the hills, and down below the Moderns are busily engaged erecting barracks and breaking in the recruits. But all this is done at the expense of the non-participants. They also have been obliged to retreat and have now taken up their abode in the Faculty Room. Apparently either the advance of New Books must cease, at no distant period, or floor space must be added to the building.

Rows.

On the opening day of fall term, according to our custom here, the usual row between the sophomores and the entering class took place. With the exception of one or two slight disturbances there has been nothing of the kind since.

The sophomores already know, and it should be impressed upon the freshmen, that nothing tends to promote and maintain class spirit to such an extent as these rows between the underclassmen. It is on such occasions that the true man in every person is brought out. The fellows who have struggled side by side for the honor of their class are drawn together by their common interest.

It is an acknowledged fact that winter term, with the exception of dance week, is dull. Why can't we have a show of class rivalry in the shape of a snowball fight. Everything is favorable for such a contest. It will do the participants an immense amount of good by presenting an opportunity for giving vent to their pent-up enthusiasm, which we see shown in Wednesday chapels.

Concert in St. Johnsville.

It is hardly necessary to record here the sort of a time enjoyed by the musical clubs in this blooming village on the Central. Ask "Web" and Lambert, ask Dewey and Chas. Harwood. Every one was happy, although Lloyd Stryker had some strange experiences; 250 pounds was rather light for him. The program given follows:

PART I.

1. "With Word and Will," C. W. von Weber
   Glee Club.
2. "Championship March," Hanscom
   Mandolin Club.
3. Reading.
   Wilbur J. Downey.
4. Waltz—Mazourka, Jennings
   Banjo Club.
5. Reading.
   Dewey T. Hawley.
6. "Honey, I Want Yer Now," Coe
   Glee Club.

PART II.

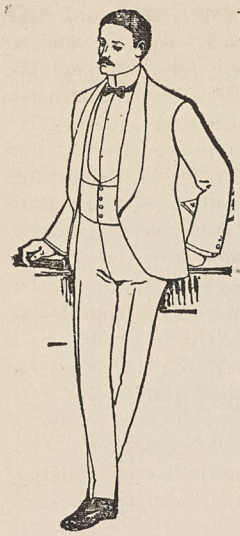
1. Coon Town Medley, Tracy
2. Reading.
   Wilbur T. Downey.
3. "Life's Lessons," Ferris
   Glee Club.
4. Reading, C. B. Hawley
   Dewey T. Hawley.
5. "The Oriskany Gallop," Tracy
   Banjo Club.
6. Stein Song, Bullard
   Glee Club.

The Psi U Blaze.

On Thursday afternoon a small but dangerous blaze was started in the basement of the Psi U house. Conjectures as to the cause seem somewhat indeterminate. With the timely arrival of some of the fellows at the house and those who were at hand the fire was extinguished. The departments from the town had hurried up to the scene of danger, but arrived too late to be of material aid. The Psi U's and the college at large take occasion to express their gratitude for the services so willingly proffered by the Clinton boys.

—The gymnasium is in constant use now by candidates who are trying for the records of the winter exhibitions.

—The Clinton High School defeated the freshmen in basket-ball at Society Hall in Clinton on last Saturday evening by a score of 27–2.



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The question of prize orations has been the subject of much comment on the hill during the past week. Various reasons have been given for the dismal failure in this department this year and the general concensus of opinion seems to be that it was due to a lack of time and that that lack was caused by a certain subject made compulsory, which by all means ought to be an elective one. The book used was written in exceedingly crude and unpolished language and it is no wonder that the literary style of the seniors became warped by its perusal.

There was absolutely no time left after struggling with MacKenzie on ethics or somebody else on cumulative evidences for five hour recitations weekly to write senior orations. These subjects ought not to be rejected altogether, but they should be made elective so that men who care to write orations will be given a reasonable chance to do so. In vain have we cried for more time, and the more we appeal the less sympathy we receive.

This utter lack of good orations cannot be laid at the feet of the senior class but at the doors of the faculty. We have not been idle, we have not been shiftless, but we are so supremely human that we are unable to do all that has been asked of us. We have been willing enough to work to the full extent of our capacity but we can't do everything. Give us a little pity, for mercy's sake, and we will show the effect in K. P.

The coalescence of the *Lit.* and *Review* Boards is one that should commend itself to the college. There is room for one good monthly here, but more than one is unnecessary. So we hail the new and revised Board with editorial pleasure and sincerely hope that they will get out a publication entirely worthy of the college.

The entire college was grieved last week to hear of the serious illness of the father of Gilbert, '02, whose death occurred this week. The deepest sympathy is extended to him who has been called home on so sad a mission. "Gil." is one of the most popular men of his class, and their respect to him is shown by the fact that the banquet which was to be given tonight and which in a large measure had been the product of his efforts, was postponed until some future date can be arranged. Life joins in extending deep condolence.

Great Convention of Students in Toronto.

The Fourth International Convention of the Student Volunteer Movement will meet in Toronto, Canada, February 26th to March 2. The previous conventions were held at Cleveland in 1891, in Detroit in 1894, and in Cleveland in 1898, and were the largest meetings of students ever held. The last one was attended by over 2,200 delegates. Students will be sent as delegates from the institutions of higher learning from all sections of the United States and Canada, and it is probable that 500 institutions will be thus represented. Those in attendance will also include professors, national leaders of young people's organizations, returned missionaries, representatives of Foreign Mission Boards, and editors of religious papers.

The program will consist of addresses during the morning and evening sessions, and section meetings for the consideration of missions from the standpoint of phases of work, the different missionary lands and of the denominations which are represented. The addresses which will be given will deal with the obligation of promoting the missionary enterprise, the means which are essential to its success and its relation to the students of this continent. Among the speakers are Mr. Robert E. Speer, Mr. John R. Mott, who will return from his tour around the world to preside at this convention, Right Rev. M. L. Baldwin, Bishop of Huron, Mr. L. D. Wishard, the first college Young Men's Christian Association secretary, Bishop Calloway, President Capen of the American Board of Foreign Missions, Dr. and Mrs. F. Howard Taylor of China, and many returned missionaries and secretaries of Foreign Mission Boards. Student Christian leaders of other lands will also participate.

The Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions, which calls this convention, is one of the most remarkable enterprises of students the world has seen. It was started in 1886 when at the first Northfield Student Conference 100 students expressed their desire and purpose to become foreign missionaries. The call to missions was taken the following year by two Princeton students to the colleges of the country. Two years later the Movement was definitely organized. As a result of its work several thousand capable college men and women have been led to form the purpose to spend their lives on the mission field,—1,800 have already been sent out by the regular missionary boards,—while similar movements have been inaugurated in Great Britain, Germany, Switzerland, Scandinavia, South Africa, Australia and other countries.

The citizens of Toronto will entertain delegates to the number of 2,500, and Hamilton is entitled to three such delegates. It will be an honor to be represented at this World's Student Convention.

Concerning a Baseball Coach.

During the past year every branch of athletics at Hamilton has finished its season without debt, and not only without debt, but also with a good surplus. Baseball made up a large deficit and had over $80 ahead at the close of the season. During the season about $125 was spent for coaching purposes. Last week the Advisory Board appropriated $50 for the expenses of coaching for the coming season. This action is practically voting not to have a coach. It is impossible to get a good man for any length of time with such a sum, and if a good coach can not be obtained it is better to go without.

Football has had several successful seasons. When the subject of football coach is brought up there is no hesitancy, and liberal grants are made. Ought any branch of athletics, ought baseball, to be slighted because it has had an unsuccessful season and is likely to have another? If so, baseball will always be

unsuccessful. It is the time to show your loyalty and college spirit when a team needs your support as well as when a team is highly successful. Offers of assistance are sure to pour in on us when it is evident we need aid.

The outlook for baseball is dismal, but it would be a disgrace even to mention the possibility of not having a team, and it is a worse disgrace not to make the team the best that we can. To develop the material which is in college a coach is necessary, and a good coach, who can stay at least a month. Such men are available, and the Advisory Board ought to reconsider their action and appropriate at least $200 for coaching purposes. J. DuBois Hunter.

Senior-Junior Basket-ball Game

The second game of the inter-class basket-ball series resulted in a decisive junior victory. The issue was never doubtful. The seniors were at no time in the game; and yet, struggling against the inevitable, they made a plucky up-hill fight. Although not closely contested, the game was "fair to look upon." Amusing incidents and sensational plays, chiefly the former, were frequent, and were well received by the small number who had gathered to witness the strife. Few of the grave old seniors were on hand to encourage their representatives, while the juniors were supported by a goodly bunch. The score, 54–6, tells the story of the game.

The "Borrowing" of Sleds.

During the past two weeks the whole college has suffered at the hands of somebody who seems to think the sleds used here on the hill are common property. There are times when it is inconvenient to draw a sled to the dormitory or place it on the porch of your house. But of late this has been a necessity. It should not be so; a sled should be as safe anywhere on the hill as under the seal of the United States. Of course, there is no fellow in college who would commit such a misdemeanor. But we should be more aggressive in the protection of our common interests and endeavor to detect the offender. It behooves every one of us to keep a sharp lookout and when a sled is taken by a party whom we know has no right to it to administer the punishment which we think justifiable.

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Trains arrive at Clinton from Utica, 8:30 a. m., 12:40 p. m., 5:24 p. m., 11:50 p. m. From Rome, 8:20 a. m., 5:10 p. m. From South, 7:50 a. m., 11:20 a. m. 2:40 p. m., 6:25 p. m.

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Sunday mail open from 12:00 to 1:00 p. m. Sunday mail closes at 5:20 p. m.

Mail leaves the Hill at the convenience of the Carrier, and comes up after the Carrier gets down.

F. E. Payne, P. M.

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College Notes.

—The Senior-Junior Debate has been postponed until Feb. 22.

—James P. Catlin, '01, has been elected a director of the City National Bank, of Ottawa, Ill. Congratulations, Jimmie.

—There was a meeting of the executive committee of the trustees yesterday.

—Dance week will be used as follows: Tuesday evening, Delta U; Wednesday, Chi Psi, Psi U and Alpha Delt; Thursday, Junior Prom.; Friday, Sigma Phi.

—The Theta Delts entertained about twenty young ladies with a coasting party on last Friday evening. After the coasting had been enjoyed about an hour refreshments were served at the charge house.

Indoor Exhibition.

The date for the indoor exhibition has been set for the night of Feb. 19. Some difficulties were to be obviated in determining upon the decisive date, but the committee has officially announced that such it shall be, and consequently it behooves the entire college body to have this demonstration in prospect. We need not say that the event will acquit all expectations. Those who enjoyed the part of spectators at the one of last year can vouch for its merit and may correspondingly predict its complete eclipse this year. The committee, conjointly with "Uncle John," has labored unremittingly and will continue to do so in order that the anticipations which the event will arouse may not be roughly soused. The interest of all in the approaching fete is presupposed, and we need not exhort and urge the inevitable support which will be accorded the efforts of the superintendents and participants.

The contestants include well-nigh all the underclassmen and the select performers of the college at large. The event is an assured success as an intrinsic one of merit, and nothing must contribute to frustrate its satisfactory execution on the consideration of receipts. We must have our proceeds. Let every man center his enthusiasm on the day and its duties. Many are hard at work and they deserve unstinted requital. Disseminate the interest, each and every one. Whoop it up! For college, "Uncle John," and for ourselves.

The Northern Trip.

Yesterday at 11 o'clock the Glee and Musical Clubs started on the "bruited" Northern trip. Owing to some inadvertency the demonstration in Watertown fell through and the constituents confessed their inability adequately to entertain the representatives of the college. This was at best a bad misfortune, since the good impression which the concert ind sputably would have engrafted on the up-state mind might have wrought us no little advantage. But "the best laid schemes of mice and men gang aft agley;" and yet we regret to see foundations undermined.

The clubs are to give their concert proper in Carthage, where Hamilton is already represented in both graduate and undergraduate constituencies. By the time this proclamation shall have been read in column the thespians and minions of the muse will have trudged back in serried file.

Aside from the entertainment to be furnished by our immediate representatives in the "concerted way" the townsmen intend to reciprocate by proffering to the members of the organizations an opportunity to banquet, yet we trust not to drain the bowl. Hospitality in the nature of a plenteous "feed" is to be accorded the inner and more susceptible man.

One of the requests forwarded by those in charge of these arrangements was that a representative of the faculty should accompany the clubs, in order to exploit and prospect the intellectual fields in the interests of Hamilton. It was with great self-congratulation that the management learned from "Prex" that he could act in this capacity. There will surely be a feast of fun and a riot of revelry, as well as sound and solid representation of old Hamilton in the post-edible addresses. Neither the body nor the mind need pine, but both must banquet. The program will present substantially the same attractions, varied here and there by innovations.

Here's to the safe, secure return of each minstrel to his haven.

Inter-Class Debate.

The inter-class debate which was scheduled for the first of February has been deferred until the 22nd. No one of the contestants saluted the intelligence with a February face; so at least we are informed. This will assuredly give all the competitors ample leisure for their preparation and research. The cause of the transfer was the communication from the intended speaker for the anniversary of Washington's birthday, stating his regretted inability to address the college. The debate will be held in conjunction with other entertainment on the forenoon of the day, beginning at half-past ten o'clock.

The question reads: "Resolved, That the recent franchise restrictions in the Southern States are justifiable."

The juniors for the affirmative are represented by Messrs. Carmer, Blakely, Allbright and Root.

The seniors for the negative will be represented by Messrs. Warren, Ward, Frear and Drummond.

Opinion.

All sorts of rumors are rife as to the now famed Hall of Commons. These comments run every gamut from the severest of stricture to hilarious approval and congratulation. Some consider the idea absurd while others plaint without a fear their satisfaction in the face of opposing sentiments. As to the purposes of this intended domicile the speculations are even more diverse and wild. Some say that it is intended to compel all the students to eat at the common board; others have diffused reports that the faculty was even to partake of the Commons' fare. But these wildcat expressions of conjecture we hope have no foundation.

Some insist that before we Commons we must have a commodious and modern dormitory. They say that the snares are to be in series and that the trap must be led up to by a series of successive snares. At the present writing opinion seems to assert that the house is built for no prospective tenant. The expressions on this point vacillate as pendulums 'twixt smiles and tears.

The college proper has its beliefs and trusts well guarded. But we believe that before the Commons should be erected a well accoutred dormitory. We believe such an edifice takes precedence of the other. Since we are to have the Commons Hall now without a doubt we need say nothing of other needs which might in all good order supersede it. But we certainly believe in the dormitory first, for the accommodation of the men who are supposed to be its prospective patrons. All prefer bed to board and consequently this preference must be deferred to. Whatever the intentions of the architects and contractors unprofessional may be, it is worth deliberation, namely, that the prepossessions of the students be considered. The inauguration of this regime. if perfected and established, will involve considerable revolution in some way or other. It will mean perhaps migration and re-institution of old interests on new and untried ground. It will involve executive and economic problems the solution of which will prove momentous if not stupendous. Those in charge of the project must needs anticipate antagonism at any odds or in any event, and this must be thawed and not throttled. The opposition to the scheme, wherever it is, is based on a failure to foresee and penetrate the purpose and philosophy of this procedure. Some derive from it no cue to its philanthropy if such is pondered. Many consider it desirable yet doubt its feasibility; others resent it thoroughly; others with unreasoning sanguineness predict its unexampled and inevitable success. The former class is the one to which membership is most desirable. We want it, but we want to be assured of its purposes and practicability. Can we know before the tide of opinion sets strong in an opposing current?

Incident to the blaze which was generated in the basement of the Psi U House this last week, have been raked up the old and time-tried comments on the water system of the lower hill.

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